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REMARKS

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Action, Claims 1-34, 47-67, 78, 84, 95 and 102-110 have been cancelled. Claims 100 and 101 were cancelled previously. No claims have been amended or added. Presently, claims 35-46, 68-77, 79-83, 85-94, 96-99 and 111-118 are allowed.

As suggested by the Examiner, on July 10, 2003, Applicants hand delivered to Tech Center 1600 a copy of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and three accompanying references which were originally filed with the USPTO on April 9, 2003 (prior to the Ex Parte Quayle Action). Also included with the July 10, 2003 submission, were copies of three references that Applicants had previously submitted to the USPTO (on March 20, 2003 and September 20, 2000) but which the Examiner did not consider. Applicants look forward to receiving returned forms PTO-1449, which indicate that each of the above-mentioned references have been considered.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all outstanding issues in this case have been resolved. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below in order to expedite the resolution of such issues.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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